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Laridon et al.

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**THERMOPLASTIC ARTICLES COMPRISING
SILVER-CONTAINING ANTIMICROBIALS...**

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Examiner:

S. Wang

**STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP OF PRIOR ART CITATION AND
INVENTION TO DISQUALIFY PRIOR ART UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)**

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above identified application and the cited prior art, namely U.S. Patent #6,187,456 to Lever, were, at the time the invention of this application was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity, Milliken & Company. Such an assignment to Milliken & Company has been made by the inventors of both the above-identified application, as well as the '456 patent to Lever (as evidenced by the listing of Milliken & Company as Assignee within said patent).

Respectfully submitted,

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